

## **2008 DNR VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) GRANTS AWARDED TO RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

AMES: 11/3/2008– The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Bureau, in cooperation with US Forest Service - State and Private Forestry, has awarded grants to 100 of Iowa's rural fire departments to aid their efforts in battling wildfires. The grants offer valuable funding assistance for wildfire suppression equipment, personal protective equipment, and communications equipment.

Gail Kantak, Fire Supervisor with the DNR's Forestry Bureau, said the following fire departments have received notification that their 2008 VFA Grant requests have been approved:

Algona Fire Dept	Delmar Fire Dept	Kamrar Fire Dept
Amana Fire Dept	Denver Fire Dept	Keota Fire Dept
Anamosa Fire Dept	Dysart Fire Dept	Key West Fire Dept
Andrew Fire Dept	Elberon Fire Dept	Lamotte Fire Dept
Anita Fire Dept	Fayette Fire Dept	Lansing Fire Dept
Arnolds Park Fire Dept	Ferguson Fire Dept	Lehigh Fire Dept
Ashton Fire Dept	Floyd Community Vol Fire Dept	Little Sioux Fire Dept
Atkins Fire and First Responders	Garwin Fire Dept	Lost Nation Fire Dept
Batavia Fire Dept	Glenwood Fire Dept	Lucas Fire Dept
Bellevue Fire Dept	Grand Mound Fire Dept	Marcus Fire Dept
Birmingham Fire Dept	Grand River Fire Dept	Martelle Fire Dept
Brighton Fire Dept	Griswold Fire Dept	Milford Fire Dept
Calmar Fire Dept	Guttenberg Fire Dept	Millersburg Fire Dept
Camanche Fire Dept	Hamburg Fire Dept	Mondamin Fire Dept
Castalia Fire Dept	Harpers Ferry Fire Dept	Moorhead Fire Dept
Chester Fire Dept	Hawarden Fire Dept	Nashua Fire Dept
Colwell Community Vol Fire Dept	Hawkeye Community Fire Dept	New Hampton Fire Dept
Cresco Community Fire Dept	Hopkinton Fire Dept	North Keokuk Co Fire Dept
Creston Fire Dept	Humeston Fire Dept	North Liberty Fire Dept
Dayton Fire Dept	Jamaica Fire Dept	Northern Warren Fire Dept
Decorah Fire Dept	Jefferson Fire Dept	Onawa Fire Dept
Defiance Fire Dept	Kalona Fire Dept	Orange City Fire Dept

Oxford Fire Dept
Oyens Fire Dept
Parkersburg Fire Dept
Percival Fire Dept
Pleasantville Emergency Services
Pulaski Fire Dept
Quimby Fire Dept
Radcliffe Fire Dept
Riverside Fire Dept
Ryan Fire Dept
Scarville Fire Dept
Schleswig Fire Dept
Shell Rock Fire Dept

Sidney Fire Dept
Sioux Center Fire Dept
Solon Fire Dept
Spirit Lake Fire Dept
Stanley Fire Dept
Stanton Fire Dept
Stout Fire Dept
Stuart Fire Dept
Sumner Fire Dept
Tipton Fire Dept
Toledo Fire Dept
Tripoli Fire Dept
Ute Fire Dept

Ventura Fire Dept
Volga Community Fire Dept
Wallingford Fire Dept
Wapello Co Rural Fire Dept
Washta Fire Dept
West Union Community Fire Service, Inc.
Woodward Fire Dept
Wyoming Fire Dept

Ms Kantak reminds all fire departments of the importance of submitting Wildland Fire Reports whenever they respond to a wildland fire or provide assistance to a prescribed or controlled wildland fire. Wildland Fire reporting forms are available at [www.iowadnr.com/forestry/fire.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/forestry/fire.html). Departments actively returning these reports receive priority points for the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant applications. These wildland fire reports are compiled locally and nationally and are reported to Congress.

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